

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE**

IN RE:)	
)	
JOHN C. EASTMAN and)	CASE NO. 17-31021-SHB
VELA E. EASTMAN)	
)	
Debtors.)	Chapter 7

**TRUSTEE'S APPLICATION TO EMPLOY SPECIAL COUNSEL,
KEVIN EDWARDS AND FREESE & GOSS PLLC,
NUNC PRO TUNC PURSUANT TO E.D. TENN. LBR 2014-1**

Notice is hereby given:

Pursuant to E.D. Tenn. LBR 9013-1(h), the court may consider this matter without further notice or hearing unless a party in interest files an objection. If you object to the relief requested in this paper, you must file with the clerk of the court at United States Bankruptcy Court, 800 Market Street, Suite 330, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, an objection within 21 days from the date this paper was filed and serve a copy on the movant, John P. Newton, Jr., South Tower, Suite S-570, 1111 Northshore Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919. If you file and serve an objection within the time permitted, the court will schedule a hearing and you will be notified. If you do not file an objection within the time permitted, the court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in this paper and may grant the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.

The Application of John P. Newton, Jr. respectfully alleges:

1. That John P. Newton, Jr. is the Trustee in this case.
2. The Trustee requires legal counsel to assist in the resolution of the Debtor's (John Eastman's) ongoing product liability claim against Rex Medical LLP, et al.
3. Presently, four separate firms are handling the claim on the Debtor's behalf: 1.) Julie Rhoades and Matthews & Associates, 2.) Kevin Edwards and Freese & Goss PLLC, 3.) Rosemary Pinto and Feldman & Pinto, and 4.) Matthew Daniel and Ferrer Poirot, Wansbrough,

Feller, Daniel, Abney & Linville (hereafter "Ferrer Poirot").

4. That Kevin Edwards and Freese & Goss PLLC be authorized to act as Counsel for the Trustee because of their knowledge in this field and experience in the current proceeding.

Applicant feels that said attorney/firm is well qualified to render the foregoing services.

5. The Court has the power to authorize said employment pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 327(e).

6. The parties referenced in paragraph #3 are sharing compensation in the following manner:

The four firms will charge a 40% contingency fee plus out-of-pocket expenses. From that percentage, 22.5% will go to Matthews & Associates, 22.5% to Freese & Goss PLLC, 10% to Feldman & Pinto and 45% to Ferrer & Poirot.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee prays that Kevin Edwards and Freese & Goss PLLC be authorized to act as Counsel for the estate, *nunc pro tunc* to the bankruptcy petition date pursuant to E.D. Tenn. LBR 2014-1, with compensation for such legal services to be paid as an administrative expense in such amounts as this Court may hereafter determine and allow.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2018.

/s/ John P. Newton, Jr.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John P. Newton, Jr., hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Trustee's Application to Employ Special Counsel and Proposed Order has been served on all creditors/parties in interest as follows either by Electronic Case Filing (ECF), Email and/or United States Mail (postage prepaid) this the 19th day of January, 2018.

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John P. Newton, Jr., Trustee

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